

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add new claims 10-22 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (New) An operating room voice command system comprising:

a first operating device having a first device lexicon of verbal device commands associated therewith;

a second operating device having a second device lexicon of verbal device commands associated therewith;

a control system in electrical communication with the first operating device and the second operating device, the control system having a voice interface for receiving a verbal device selection command selected from a device selection lexicon, the device selection lexicon including a first device selection command and a second device selection command, the control system directing a command signal to a selected device in response to the device selection command; and

the voice interface also for receiving a verbal device command associated with the selected device, the device command signal corresponding to the device command, the control system identifying the device command from among the first device lexicon when the selected device is the first device, and the control system identifying the device command from among the second device lexicon when the selected device is the second device.

11. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 10, wherein the first operating device comprises an operating room lighting system.

12. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 11, wherein the first device lexicon comprising room lighting commands.

13. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 11, wherein the second operating device comprises an operating room table.

14. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 10, wherein the second operating device comprises an operating room table.

15. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 10, wherein the first operating device comprises at least one of an insufflator, a robot arm for holding and manipulating an endoscope, and a laser.

16. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 10, wherein the voice interface identifies speech of a user as a member selected from the group consisting of:
a device selection command,
a device command for the selected device, and
other speech.

17. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 16, wherein the voice interface differentiates between other speech and device commands using the lexicon of the selected device, and wherein the lexicon of the selected device is stored on a memory of the selected device.

18. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 17, wherein the voice interface comprises a master controller with a master controller memory, wherein the first device has a first slave controller with a first memory and the second device has a second slave controller with a second memory, and wherein the voice interface differentiates between different device selection commands of the device selection lexicon while the device selection lexicon is stored on the master controller memory.

19. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 10, wherein the control system identifies a plurality of devices in electrical communication therewith, the plurality of devices comprising the first device and the second device, and wherein the control

system determines the device selection lexicon in response to the identified devices, the device selection lexicon including a device selection command associated with each identified device.

20. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 18, wherein the control system is configured to identify the plurality of devices at a start-up.

21. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 1, further comprising a third operating room device having a third device lexicon of verbal commands associated therewith, the voice interface capable of transmitting command signals to the third device corresponding with verbal commands of the third device lexicon when the third device is in electrical communication with the control system, wherein the third device is not in electrical communication with the control system and the control system does not generate command signals corresponding to the third device lexicon.

22. (New) The operating room voice command system of claim 1, further comprising a video monitor coupled to the system controller, the video monitor displaying communications with the selected device.

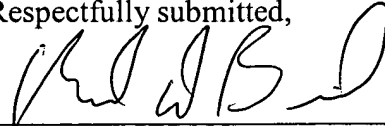
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CONCLUSION

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